## ***Rhyme Time***

*There are many good reasons for using music and rhymes with young children. The first and most important is that most children and adults enjoy it enormously. If we need more justification than that then it provides excellent speech practice and voice control. Although many rhymes and songs are simple in content, they increase vocabulary, and the repeated patterns and sequences of words and rhythm are good memory exercises. The ritual of turn taking and conforming to the ‘rules’ and the communication there can be in sharing an experience that crosses both age and cultural gaps, are useful factors in social development.*

*Down by the Station*

Down by the station early in the morning,

See the little puffer trains all in a row

See the engine driver pull the little handle

Choo, choo, choo, and off we go

Down by the farmyard early in the morning

See the little tractor standing in the barn

Do you see the farmer pull the little handle?

Chug, chug, chug and off we go.

Five Currant Buns

Five currant buns in a baker’s shop

Round and fat with a cherry on the top

Along came a boy with a penny one day

Bought a currant bun and took it away

Four currant buns in a baker’s shop, etc.

(replace ‘boy’ with the names of family members)

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round

Round and round, round and round;

The wheels on the bus go round and round

All day long.

The horn on the bus goes beep beep beep

Beep beep beep

The horn on the bus goes beep beep beep

All day long.

The wipers on the bus go swish swish swish etc.

The conductor on the bus says, “Any more fares?” etc.

The mummies on the bus go ‘Natter, natter, natter’ etc

The babies on the bus fall fast asleep, etc.

The doggies on the bus go ‘Woof, woof, woof’ etc.

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows are sleeping, and the sun has gone to bed

Up jumped a scarecrow and this is what he said:

‘I’m a dingle-dangle scarecrow with a flippy, floppy hat

I shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that

When all the hens were roosting, and the moon behind a cloud

Up jumped a scarecrow and shouted very loud:

‘I’m a dingle-dangle scarecrow with a flippy floppy hat

I shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that

When the dogs were in the kennel, and the doves were in the loft

Up jumped the scarecrow and whispered very soft:

‘I’m a dingle-dangle scare crow with a flippy floppy hat

I shake my hands like this and shake my feet like that

Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose

Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose

Little Peter rabbit had a fly upon his nose

So he flicked it and it flew away away away

Little Peter rabbit had an ant upon his ear

Little Peter rabbit had an ant upon his ear

Little Peter rabbit had an ant upon his ear

And it ran away away away

Little Peter rabbit had a butterfly on his paw

Little Peter rabbit had a butterfly on his paw

Little Peter rabbit had a butterfly on his paw

And it fluttered away away away

Wind the Bobbin Up

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Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap

Point to the ceiling

Point to the floor

Point to the window

Point to the door

Clap your hands together

One, two, three

Put your hands upon your knee

There Was a Princess Long Ago

There was a princess long ago

Long ago, long ago

There was a princess long ago

Long, long ago

And she lived in a big high tower, etc

One day a fairy waved her wand, etc

The princess slept for a hundred years, etc.

A great big forest grew around, etc

A gallant prince came riding by, etc.

He took her hand to wake her up, etc.

So everybody’s happy now, etc

I went to visit…

I went to visit a farm one day.

I saw a (cow) across the way,

And what do you think I heard it say?

(Moo, moo, moo)

*Repeat using different animals*

The Bear Went Over the Mountain

The bear walked over the mountain

The bear walked over the mountain

The bear walked over the mountain

To see what he can see.

But all that he could see

But all that he could see

Was the other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

Was all that he could see

So he ran to the other mountain

He ran to the other mountain

He ran to the other mountain

To see what he could see

But all that he could see

But all that he could see

Was the other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

The other side of the mountain

Was all that he could see

So he hopped to the other mountain…

So he skipped to the other mountain…

So he marched to the other mountain…

So he tiptoed to the other mountain…

So he climbed to the other mountain…

So he jumped to the other mountain…

So he clumped to the other mountain…

So he stamped to the other mountain…

*Suggest other ways that he could go to the other mountain*

If You’re Happy and You Know it

If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands

If you’re happy and you know it clap your hands

If you’re happy and you know it

And you really want to show it

If you’re happy and you know it clap you’re hands

If you’re happy and you know it stamp you’re feet, etc.

If you’re happy and you know it nod you’re head, etc.

If you’re happy and you know it wave your hands, tc.

If you’re happy and you know it shout ‘we are’, etc.

*Other versions include:*

If you’re hungry and you know it, rub you’re tummy, etc.

If you’re cross with everyone pull a face, etc.

If you’re cold and you know it rub you’re arms, etc.

Or

If you want to do as I do, sit up straight, etc

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Knees and toes.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your nose

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around

Teddy bear teddy bear, climb the stairs

Teddy bear, teddy bear, say your prayers

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn off the light

Teddy bear, teddy bear, say Goodnight!

Walking Through the Jungle

Walking through the jungle

What do you think we’ll see

If we hear a noise like this:

Roar! Roar!

What do you think it will be?

*What else might you hear?*

Five Little Spacemen

There were five little spacemen

Going to the moon,

One stayed to close the door

And that left only four … So

There were four little spacemen

Going to the moon,

One stopped to make some tea

And that left only three … So

There were three little spacemen

Going to the moon

One couldn’t find his shoe

And that left only two … So

There were two little spacemen

Going to the moon

One couldn’t get his spacesuit on

And that left only one … Now

One little spaceman

Did go to the moon…

Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one,

BLAST OFF!

But he didn’t like it…

And he came back quite soon!

Animal Fair

We went to the animal fair

All the birds and the beasts were there

A big baboon by the light of the moon

Was combing his auburn hair

The monkey tripped on a bump

And slide down the elephant’s trunk

The elephant sneezed and fell on his knees…

And that was the end of the monkey

Monkey, monkey, monketty monk!

Ten Green Bottles

Ten green bottles, hanging on a wall

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If one green bottle should accidently fall

There’ll be nine green bottles

Hanging on the wall.

Nine green bottles etc.

I know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

I know an old lady who swallowed a fly,

I don’t know why she swallowed a fly…

Perhaps she’ll die!

I know an old lady who swallowed a spider

That wriggled and wriggled and wriggled inside her

She swallowed the spider to catch the fly…

Perhaps she’ll die!

I know an old lady who swallowed a cat,

Fancy that! She swallowed a cat

She swallowed the cat to catch the spider

That wriggled and wriggled and wriggled inside her

She swallowed the spider, etc.

I know an old lady who swallowed a dog,

What a hog! To swallow a dog

She swallowed the dog to catch the cat

Fancy that! She swallowed a cat

She swallowed a cat, etc.

There was an old lady who swallowed a horse…

She’s dead – of course!